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Wisconsin Emergency Management is StormReady

First state emergency management agency to receive designation

(MADISON) – Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) has become the first state emergency management agency in the nation to receive the StormReady designation from the National Weather Service.

“In becoming StormReady, Wisconsin Emergency Management has made a notable commitment to implement the infrastructure and systems needed to save lives and protect property when severe weather strikes,” said Louis Uccellini, Ph.D., Director of NOAA's National Weather Service. “Having timely and actionable information will help Wisconsin residents become ready, responsive and resilient to extreme weather and water events.”

Dr. Uccellini presented WEM with the StormReady sign at a gathering at the State of Wisconsin Emergency Operation Center in Madison. The nationwide community preparedness program, founded in 1999, is a grassroots approach to preparing for natural hazards.

“Wisconsin Emergency Management is pleased to be the first state emergency management agency in the nation to become StormReady, said WEM Administrator Brian Satula. “ We enjoy a great partnership with the National Weather Service, not only for the response to severe weather events, but also from working hand-to-hand in promoting emergency preparedness.”

To be recognized as StormReady, a site must maintain a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center; have more than one way to receive National Weather Service warnings and to alert the public; be able to monitor local weather and flood conditions; conduct community preparedness programs; and ensure hazardous weather and flooding are addressed in formal emergency management plans, which include holding emergency exercises.

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